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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state senator.

This was a busy session. I continued in my elected leadership position of assistant floor leader for our caucus and also served as the Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee's ranking member, which is the highest ranking Republican member of the committee. In that role, I worked closely with the committee chair on policy issues.

The 105-day session ended on schedule, with all three state budgets approved for the 2019-21 biennium. The transportation budget (\$10 billion), capital budget (\$5 billion), and operating budget (\$52.4 billion) were authorized on the final day following many weeks of public process, development, and negotiations. I voted for the transportation and capital budgets, which were approved with strong bipartisan support, but voted against the operating budget because of excess spending and tax increases.

During the session, the Legislature approved my prime-sponsored bill authorizing PUDs to produce and distribute renewable hydrogen, a new form of clean energy that can be used for multiple purposes, including powering vehicles and equipment. My work also included advocating for important priorities for our district, including the Nason Ridge community forest, Wenatchi Landing sewer extension, and other key projects.

I continue to work hard on building positive, long-lasting, and bipartisan relationships at the Capitol to produce meaningful results for our district. This newsletter highlights some of my recent activities.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you.

Please contact me anytime if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Renewable Hydrogen Bill Receives Unanimous Approval



Douglas County PUD General Manager Gary Ivory, Douglas County PUD Commissioner Molly Simpson and Ken Dragoon with the Renewable Hydrogen Alliance testified in favor of my bill before the House Environment and Blue Energy Committee.

Public Utility Districts (PUDs) in Washington will soon have the authority to produce and sell a new type of clean energy as part of a bill I sponsored this year. My Senate Bill 5588 authorized PUDs to produce, distribute, and sell renewable hydrogen. Hydrogen can be created from a process that separates the oxygen molecule from water. The bill defined “renewable hydrogen” as hydrogen produced using renewable resources. This new law will allow our hydropower utilities to lead our state in another form of clean energy – renewable hydrogen. Our PUDs have been leaders in clean energy for decades, and this law will allow them to continue their positive and innovative work.

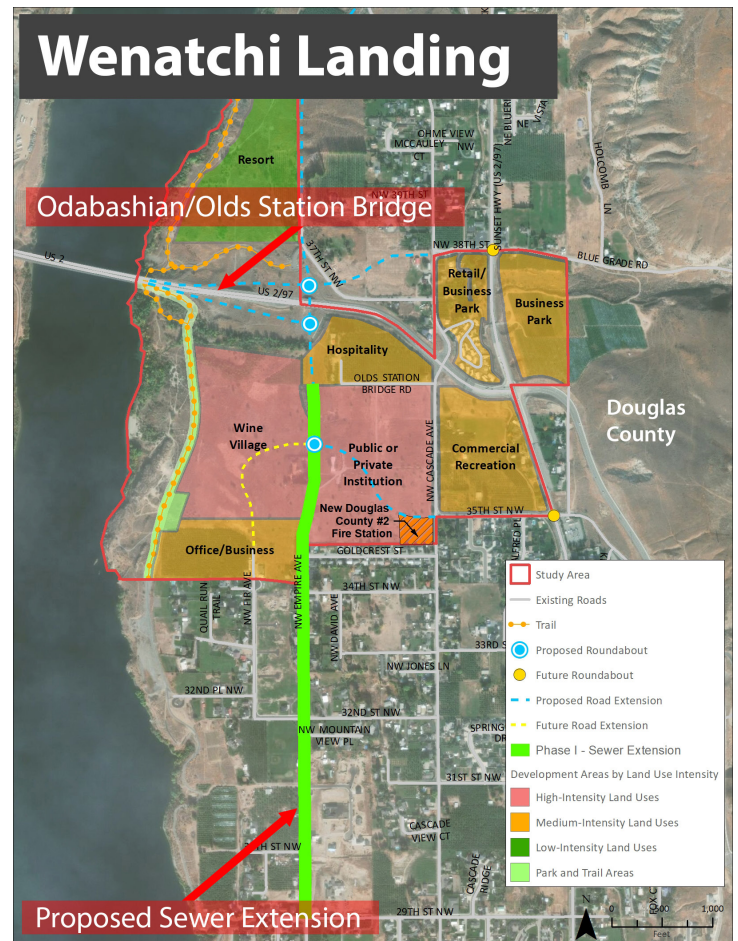


Douglas County PUD, the owner and operator of Wells Dam near Pateros, wants to explore using its surplus electricity to produce renewable hydrogen, which is created by separating hydrogen molecules from oxygen molecules in water. Renewable hydrogen does not produce carbon emissions when it is produced or consumed. It can be used for a variety of purposes.

Wenatchi Landing Sewer Extension Receives \$4 Million In Funding

One of the highlights this session was the capital budget authorizing \$4 million for the Wenatchi Landing sewer extension project. (The name and spelling are based on the group of Native Americans who lived years ago near the confluence of the Wenatchee and Columbia rivers.) The project has been in the planning stages for a number of years. The concept includes a fully installed road, water line, and sewer extension leading to a multitude of regional benefits for commercial development, recreational space, and housing. Phase 1 of the project includes an extension of sewer infrastructure past 35th Street NW outside of East Wenatchee.

This project was supported by numerous regional entities in Chelan and Douglas counties, including the City of Wenatchee, City of East Wenatchee, and many others. Special thanks to my 12th District House seatmates, who supported the effort along with Douglas County Commissioner Dan Sutton, Douglas County Port Executive Director Lisa Parks, and Douglas County Sewer District commissioners and staff, who all advocated for the project.



The Wenatchi Landing area, once developed, will provide 283 acres of economic opportunities for multiple purposes in the Douglas County portion of the Wenatchee Valley near the Olds Station Bridge.

Apple Blossom Royalty Visit Capitol

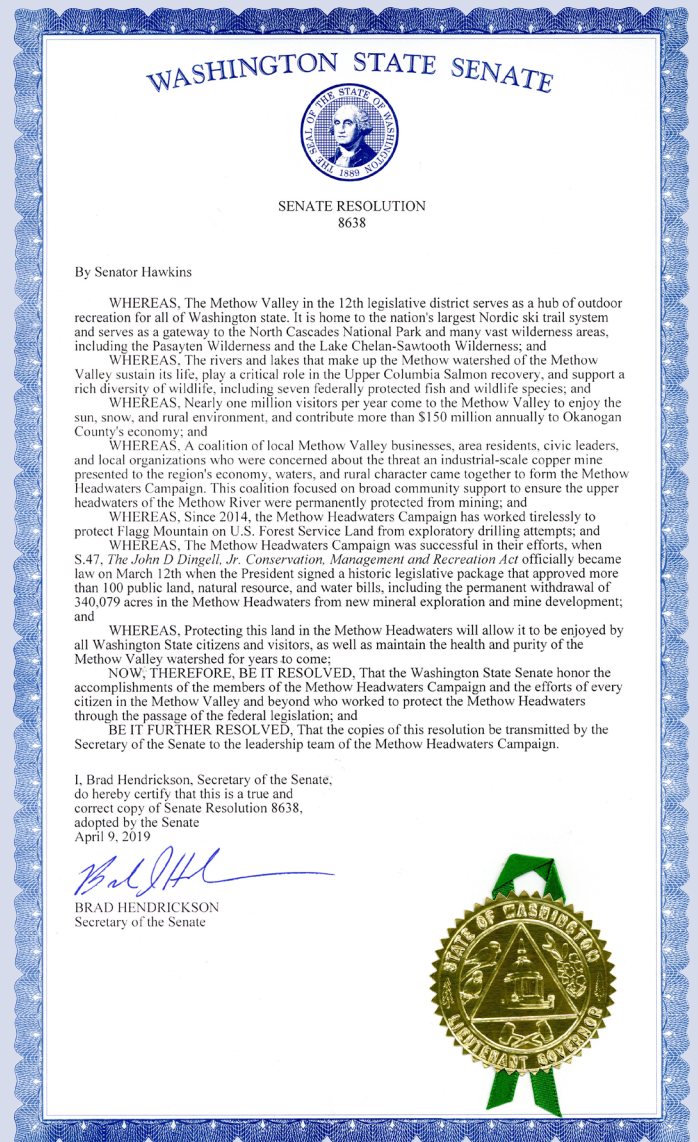


During the legislative session, the 2019 Apple Blossom Royal Court (Princess Elizabeth Popoff, Queen Savannah Slife, and Princess Olivia Lancaster, left to right) visited the Capitol to promote the 100th anniversary of the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival and our region's traditions and agricultural heritage. It was my honor to host the royalty and to sponsor a Senate resolution honoring the Apple Blossom Festival and to meet with the members of this year's Royal Court. Our Apple Blossom Royalty are terrific ambassadors for the festival and the Wenatchee Valley.

Capital Budget Funds District Projects

The Legislature approved a \$5 billion two-year capital budget with strong bipartisan support. The budget funds important construction and land projects across our state and district, including matching funds for K-12 schools, additional mental health facilities, and other statewide infrastructure projects. For our district, the budget includes funding for Wells Hall at Wenatchee Valley College, Chelan County Emergency Operations Center, Twisp Civic Building, Icicle Water Project, Winthrop Library, Wenatchi Landing sewer extension, Kenzie's Landing, Cashmere Canyons Preserve, Lincoln Park, Manson School District early learning facilities, Lake Chelan Community Center, and other important projects.

Honoring the Methow Valley



As your state senator, I am incredibly proud to represent the Methow Valley, a special part of our 12th District. Over the past several months, I have utilized my office to share support to federal officials for the Methow Headwaters Campaign. Throughout the process, I have admired the community spirit of the Methow Valley. Their efforts led to the introduction of the Methow Headwaters Protection Act and its later inclusion into a larger public lands package approved in March by the U.S. Congress. The package specified the permanent withdrawal of the Methow headwaters area from new mineral exploration and mine development. On April 9, I honored the success of this advocacy through Senate Resolution 8638. Congratulations to the Methow Valley residents who came together in a significant way for this important community effort.

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